

Preliminary Amendment
Application No. 09/927,259

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5-7, all the claims pending in the application, stand finally rejected. In support of the RCE being concurrently filed by the Applicant, the present amendment cancels all rejected claims 2, 3 and 5-7. New claims 10 and 11 have been added. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

New claims 10 and 11 now focus on the presence of a first switch that is provided on an outer face of the main body of a game machine and a second switch, that is disposed within the main body to select one of a plurality modes. The modes include a first mode, in which at least one of a plurality kinds of first images, which are selectable by the first switch, is displayed in the display device. Also included is a second mode, in which at least one kind of second image which is not controllable by the first switch is displayed in the display device. Claim 11 further specifies that there is a third mode in which a second game image is displayed in the display device instead of the first game image.

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not teach the combination of these features. Thus, the two claims currently pending in the application should be patentable.

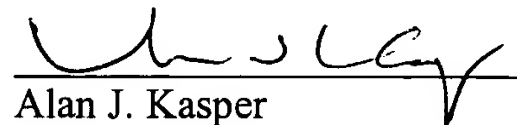
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